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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: James George Allen et al
Serial No.: 10/751,620 Art Unit: 3617
Filed: January 6, 2004 (Robert J. McCarry, Jr.)
Title: Control Device For A
Railroad Car

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Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In accordance with a telephone conference with Mr. Joseph Morano, SPE, on April 14, 2006, this is a request for reconsideration of the final rejection of January 30, 2006.

REMARKS

During the telephone conference with Mr. Joseph Morano, SPE, on April 14, 2006, he requested that a request for reconsideration of the final rejection be made and include the arguments submitted in the Amendment, filed November 14, 2005, in response to the Office Action of September 29, 2005. Accordingly, this request includes the aforementioned arguments.

Claims 1, 2, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Rosenbaum in view of Ward.

The Examiner stated that Rosenbaum discloses a door operator for a bottom dumping vehicle. The system is comprised of a housing 136 (elongated cylinder - line 18, col. 6) supported by the vehicle and accommodates a double acting piston 142 that